

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, August 31, 2020, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding

Vice-Mayor Colette George

Alderman Jennifer Adler (via zoom call; *joined after roll call*)

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Darrell Duncan

Alderman Tommy Olterman

Alderman James Phillips

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager

Ryan McReynolds, Deputy City Manager

J Michael Billingsley, City Attorney (via zoom call)

Sid Cox, City Recorder

Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder

Ken Weems, Planning Manager

Jessica Harmon, Assistant to the City Manager

Scott Boyd, Fire Chief

John Morris, Budget Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.
3. A determination by the board that meeting electronically and prohibiting the physical presence of the public at the meeting is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare of all concerned in light of the COVID-19 virus.
Mayor Shull made this declaration and each alderman verbally affirmed.
4. **BRICKYARD UPDATE.** Jason Hudson presented this item, highlighting the draft Request for Proposals and providing information on the newly formed Steering Committee. Some discussion followed as he answered questions from the board.
5. **HOUSING UPDATE.** Jessica Harmon and Ken Weems presented this item, pointing out proposed changes to the city code and answering questions from the board. There was considerable discussion. Alderman Adler asked for further information on costs, citizen input and the history on previous sidewalk exemptions. Alderman Cooper noted this was not unique and leveled the playing field in relation to other cities. Alderman Phillips asked the board to remember this is not just about sidewalks and there are many other improvements.
6. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager McCartt gave a summary for each item on the proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns. He also pointed out FY20 sales tax ended on a positive note and finished strong.

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VI.D.1 Award of Planetarium Improvement to Seiler-Zeiss (AF: 232-2020). The City Manager explained this was a capital item that had already been approved/


VI.D.5 Authorize Application to TDOT for Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Funds for Development of the Brickyard Park Pedestrian Bridge (AF: 237-2020). Mr. McCartt pointed out these grants have historically been an 80/20 match but this one is 75/25 in an effort to get this project awarded from the State and to show Kingsport is a willing partner.

VIII.C General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020. City Recorder Cox provided information on this item

Mayor Shull commented on the mission of the city regarding the homeless community.

7. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


PATRICK W. SHULL
Mayor